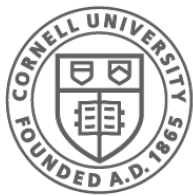


# Administrivia

CS 4410: Operating Systems  
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# Inclusion

- We strive to make CS4410 a welcoming, safe, equitable, and respectful environment, consistent with [Cornell's commitments](#)
- We recognize that the society we live in is none of those things, that we have implicit biases, and that we have to work hard every day to counter those biases to create an inclusive environment
- If you witness a bias incident or have been the victim of one, please file a [confidential report](#) with Cornell
- If you have any suggestions such as improvements to the web site, syllabi, slides, homework and exam questions, and so on, you can email [cs4410-prof@cornell.edu](mailto:cs4410-prof@cornell.edu).

# Emotional Help

Cornell Health	<a href="https://health.cornell.edu/services/mental-health-care">https://health.cornell.edu/services/mental-health-care</a>	Cornell University Health Service
Student Disability Services	<a href="https://sds.cornell.edu">sds.cornell.edu</a>	Ensures that all aspects of student life are accessible, equitable, and inclusive of those with disabilities. Send accommodation letters to Veronica VanCleave-Seeley (vv48, Gates 401) by Sep 15.

Get help. Get documentation. The earlier the better.  
Also, please look out for each other

# How this class is organized

- Who's Who
- Before you take this class...
- Communication
  - Lectures, OHs, FAQ, etc.
  - Getting Help
- Homework, exams

# About RVR

- Ph.D. C.S., Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
  - Amoeba Distributed Operating System
- Industry: Research Scientist @ AT&T Bell Labs
  - Unix, Plan 9
- Serial entrepreneur
  - Reliable Network Solutions (IP → Amazon)
  - D.A.G. Labs (acquired by FAST, then by Microsoft)
  - Exotanium (ongoing)

**Interests:** scalable and fault tolerant distributed systems

**Non-geek:** musician (trad. jazz), swing dance, unicycling

# Who are the TAs?

Andreea Foarce

Aliva Das

Archie Jiang

Archie Sravankumar

Austin Hochman

Anthony Yang

Ben Carson

Chris Vincens

Dani (Daum) Song

Haocheng Shen

Terence Zhang

Keshav Ram

Luke Yuan

Quin Burke

Ruiqi Song

Rayan Wali

Ruiqi Zhu

Sowmya Dharanipragada

Sadman Chowdhury

Twesha Modi

Tiffany Zhong

Viktor Giannakouris

Victor Chen

Vianca Hurtado

George Zhuang

Xinwen Wang

Yuqi Shi

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# Prerequisites

- CS 3410, CS 3420 or equivalent required

***Otherwise:*** you must contact an instructor, explain your situation and request permission



# Course Content

## Four Components

1. Lectures
2. Reading
3. Assignments
4. Exams

You are expected to keep up with all four

# Draft Syllabus

- Introduction
- Architectural Support for OSs
- Processes and Threads
- Synchronization
- Scheduling
- Memory Management
- File systems
- Networking
- Security

# Required Textbook

**OPERATING SYSTEMS  
THREE EASY PIECES**

REMZI H. ARPACI-DUSSEAU  
ANDREA C. ARPACI-DUSSEAU  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

- Free online
- Buy a PDF or a printed version

# Also: RVR's new book

## **Concurrent Programming with Harmony**

Robbert van Renesse  
Cornell University

- Free online
- Free PDF download, or read online

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# Communications

- Web page
- Lectures
- Ed Discussion
- Office Hours
- CMSX

# Course Web Page

`http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4410/`

- Schedule, exam & due dates
- First homework assignment posted on web page
- Homework release and due dates
- Slides posted before each lecture

*Let's have a look around at the [web site](http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4410/)*

# CMSX

<https://cmsx.cs.cornell.edu>

- Assignments
- Grades & Regrades



# Lectures

- Tues/Thurs 1-2:15pm, online, live
- All lectures recorded (until further notice)
  - *but live participation strongly encouraged*
- Posted on Canvas/Zoom with captions

# Office Hours

- Slots posted online
- There are **188** 30-minute slots each week
  - All days of the week, including evenings
- All OHs are over Zoom until further notice
  - Will consider special requests for in-person meetings
  - Contact me if you need extra help (nobody left behind)
- You have to register for a slot
  - Please specify NetID and include topic
- *Only sign up for one slot at a time*

# Ed Discussion

- Anonymous to other students, but not anonymous to us
- Ask anything you want, but do not share code unless posted privately
- Provide peer-to-peer help
  - Each student should feel safe, welcome, respected
  - Respect diverse talents and ways of learning

# Email

[cs4410-staff@cornell.edu](mailto:cs4410-staff@cornell.edu): **time sensitive** matters

- Goes to professors & TAs

[cs4410-prof@cornell.edu](mailto:cs4410-prof@cornell.edu): *sensitive* matters

- Goes to RVR only

**Please no emails to personal email accounts**

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# Homework

- Assigned approx. once a week
- Individualized, fillable PDFs
  - (slight) randomization of problem parameters, multiple choice questions, etc.
  - Fully auto-graded (no TAs involved)
  - Regrade requests due within a week
- 2 slip days / assignment
- Max. 6 slip days total
- Your “worst” homework is dropped
  - this does not apply to programming assignments

# Programming Assignments

- three different concurrent programming assignments
- work in groups of 2 or 3 students, or do it by yourself if you prefer
  - we can help you find a partner

# Group Code of Conduct

- Each student should feel safe, welcome, respected
- *Participate, but don't dominate*
- Be patient
- Respect diverse talents and ways of learning
- Fight your implicit biases

A well-run study group benefits **all** participants



# Academic Integrity & Honor Code

All submitted code must be your own

- Different groups are not allowed to share code
- OK to discuss concepts with any other students

**Violations will be prosecuted**

# Exams

- 2 prelims, 1 final
  - best two out of three
- Randomized
  - Exam questions are versions of homework questions
  - Includes questions about lectures, homework, books
- Must be done individually
- Cumulative
- Regrade requests due within a week

# Academic Integrity

## Why not cheat?

- It hurts you in various ways:
  - It reduces the value of your Cornell degree
  - It stresses you out because you might get caught
  - You won't feel good about yourself afterward
  - The energy that goes into cheating is better used for learning
- It hurts other students:
  - It stresses them out
  - By far most students are honest
- High risk, low reward...

*If you need help, get it early*

# Semester Grades

25%	Homework Assignments
25%	Programming Assignments
50%	Exams (best 2 out of 3)

- No “curving”
  - CS4410 is not a competition
  - Your grade reflects your learning objectives, not how well you did compared to others
  - Goal is to give everyone an A
- Weighing of individual assignments and exams TBD

# Practicum: CS4411

- CS4410 assignments are “small”
- In CS4411, you’re going to have hands-on C development experience with an almost-real operating system: EGOS
  - Write a queue
  - Write a threading package
  - Write a scheduler
  - Write a file system cache
  - Write a file system
- Teams of two programmers

*LOTS OF FUN!*